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SUBJECT: BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT.

REF: A) NEW DELHI 6392 B) STATE 80299

1. U.S. AND GOI (RAMAKRISHNA) MET IN GENEVA IN LATE
APRIL TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS ON MODIFICATION OF
JANUARY 1976 AGREEMENT ON HANDLOOM MACHINE MADE APPAREL
EXPORTS WHICH HAS BEEN SOUGHT BY GOI. U.S. GAVE
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RAMAKRISHNA DRAFT OF PROPOSED AGREEMENT CHANGING
JANUARY 1976 AGREEMENT FROM QUOTA TO CONSULTATION
MECHANISM FOR SUCH APPAREL.

2. INDIAN EMBASSY HAS NOW INFORMED US THAT PROPOSED
TEXT ACCEPTABLE TO GOI WITH ONLY MINOR CHANGES WHICH
DO NOT POSE PROBLEM FOR USG. WE HAVE GIVEN NEW TEXT

INCORPORATING CHANGES REQUESTED BY GOI AND MINOR
TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO INDIAN EMBASSY FOR TRANSMISSION
TO GOI FOR REVIEW. USG CONTINUING TO EXAMINE TECHNICAL
ASPECTS OF IMPLEMENTING NEW AGREEMENT WHICH WILL HAVE
TO BE COMPLETELY WORKED OUT BEFORE AGREEMENT IS SIGNED.
WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT TECHNICAL PROBLEMS ARE
LARGELY UNDER CONTROL.

3. TEXT OF DRAFT NOTE IS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE AGREEMENT ON
TRADE IN COTTON TEXTILES BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA AND INDIA OF AUGUST 6, 1974, AND THE AGREEMENT
EFFECTED BY EXCHANGE OF NOTES ON JANUARY 20 AND 22, 1976.

KEEPING IN VIEW THE PRINCIPLES OF ARTICLE 12(3) OF THE
ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES,
AND WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE INTERPRETATIONS OF
EITHER THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA OR THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE UNITED STATES OF THAT ARTICLE, THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE UNITED STATES WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING:

(A) THAT THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH 3 OF THE
JANUARY 1976 AGREEMENT WHICH REQUIRE THE GOVERNMENT
OF INDIA TO LIMIT ITS EXPORTS OF HANDLOOM APPAREL
PRODUCTS TO THE UNITED STATES BE TERMINATED IMMEDIATELY;

(B) THAT EITHER GOVERNMENT MAY REQUEST CONSULTATIONS
IN RESPECT TO THEIR TRADE IN SUCH PRODUCTS WHENEVER THEY
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CONSIDER THEM NECESSARY;

(C) THAT CONSULTATIONS WILL BEGIN WITHIN 30 DAYS OF
THE REQUEST FOR THEM;

(D) THAT, PENDING A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION
OF SUCH CONSULTATIONS, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED
STATES MAY REQUEST THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA TO RESTRAIN
EXPORTS OF SUCH HANDLOOM APPAREL PRODUCTS;

(E) THAT, UPON RECEIVING SUCH A REQUEST, THE
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA WILL RESTRAIN EXPORTS OF SUCH
PRODUCTS TO THE REQUESTED LEVEL WHICH SHALL NOT BE LOWER
THAN THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF SUCH IMPORTS IN ANY AGREEMENT
YEAR PRIOR TO THE DATE THIS AGREEMENT TAKES EFFECT.

IF THIS PROPOSAL IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT
OF INDIA, THIS NOTE AND YOUR EXCELLENCY'S NOTE OF
ACCEPTANCE ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA SHALL

CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT WHICH WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT
UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30, 1981, UNLESS EARLIER TERMINATED
OR AMENDED. (COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE) UNQUOTE.

4. REGARDING NEGOTIATIONS ON NEW BILATERAL AGREEMENT:
WE ANTICIPATE THAT WE WILL BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOI
IN EARLY SUMMER ON A NEW BILATERAL TO REPLACE CURRENT
AGREEMENT, EXPIRING THIS SEPTEMBER 30. DATE AND VENUE
OF NEGOTIATIONS HAS NOT YET BEEN SET, ALTHOUGH U.S.
TEAM HAS DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF EARLY VISIT TO DELHI
WITH GOI OFFICIALS. CHRISTOPHER

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